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I am writing this email in support of the antitrust settlement between Microsoft, the Department of Justice and the nine states. I feel that each of these parties has gone through extraordinary steps to reach a settlement that meets the issues of the original claim and corrects the issues that are addressed in this action. It would be my hope that the court would accept this settlement and, in so doing, help to move these parties toward being a more productive member of the industry and society.

I am very disappointed with the continued negative stance by the remaining states and other organizations that have continued to press for more drastic actions against Microsoft. I do not feel that these steps are reasonable, nor are they in the best interest for the most important people - the consumer. I do not feel that any of these parties have correct motives for their actions.

I feel that Microsoft has taken every step possible to meet the needs of the consumer worldwide through its innovation and market forecasting. I do not feel that Microsoft should be punished purely for better forecasting and having the ability to provide a product that meets consumer needs, while other organizations have failed in this attempt. While Microsoft has made mistakes in some areas, I feel that the settlement between Microsoft, the Department of Justice and the nine states has taken sufficient steps to correct those areas and helped to ensure that such actions will not be repeated. I feel Microsoft has been a leader in the technological industry and has helped to bring the society to where it is today. Continuing these legal actions not only stifles these organizations, but the technological industry and society as a whole. Accepting this settlement is in the best interest for all parties and will help to move this industry back to one of cooperation, innovation and advancement toward the future.

Respectfully,

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